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Grassley Announces Hearing on Charitable Giving

Hearing: "Encouraging Charitable Giving"

Date/time: Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 10 a.m. Location: 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Description: Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, is holding a series of

hearings on key aspects of President Bush's tax package. The President proposes a number of incentives to enhance charitable giving, such as making it possible for those who don't itemize to give to charity and receive a charitable deduction; allowing the rollover of IRAs to charity; and increasing the amount that corporations can donate to charity tax-free. The committee will hear from those who are on the front lines, helping the poorest Americans. These individuals will discuss their work as well as how the President's initiatives and other proposals will assist their efforts. In addition, the hearing will benefit from the views of policy experts on the President's proposals, address possible concerns about the administration's initiatives

and explore other ways to encourage charitable giving.

## Witness List

## A Panel Consisting of:

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar, United States Senator from Indiana

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The Reverend Floyd Flake, Minister and Former Congressman, Allen Episcopal Methodist Church, Jamaica, N.Y.

Douglas O'Brien, Director of Public Policy & Research, America's Second Harvest, Chicago, Ill.

Mary Sue Coleman, President, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

C. Eugene Steuerle, Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

John P. Walters, President, The Philanthropy Roundtable, Washington, D.C.

Donald C. Alexander, Former IRS Commissioner, Washington, D.C.